

**Lyndale Neighborhood Association
Regular meeting of LNA Board**

Monday, May 8, 2023

6:30 –8:00 PM

Minutes prepared by Chaz Larson, Secretary

X	Doug Herkenhoff, President	X	Holly Reckel, Vice President
X	James Carlisle, Treasurer	X	Chaz Larson, Secretary
X	Mohammed Hirsi	X	Danda Khalif
X	Josef Oreskovich	X	Pavlina Tesch
X	Michael Nelson	X	Caddy Frink
	Emma Grisanzio	X	Sarah Linnes-Robinson, Exec. Director

6:39 **Board Meeting Called to Order & Approval for Consent Agenda, Doug Herkenhoff, President**
Agenda approval and Declaration of Conflict of Interest on any Agenda Items

Move: Holly

Second: Pavlina

Vote: Unanimous

6:42 **Executive Director is hired – Sami Smetana**

Interviewed 3 candidates including writing samples. Anticipated start date June 1.

Sarah reads note from Sami for enews

Will be present at June Board mtg

Sarah joins LNA Staff as Director of Projects June 1

Part time basis through 2023

6:45 **Employee Handbook**

Two updates are needed on pages 29 and 30.

1. Holidays are available immediately

2. 64-hour carryover

Move to approve: Josef

Second: Pavlina

Vote: Unanimous

6:50 **Strategic Plan Finalized**

This is done.

Needs periodic review; in board packet

Send thank you to Laura Johansson Consulting. [Doug will take this on]

Move to approve: Chaz
Second: James
Motion amended to add review to calendar
Vote: Unanimous

7:00 **Partnership Grant Update**

Partnership funds go to groups in community that are doing engagement work
Groups contract through neighborhood groups; used as passthrough, no fees to administer

Partnership with Corazon; not funded.
Partnership with woman in Lyndale who does art engagement with seniors, bilingual in Spanish; not funded.
Application with LWV to do Somali outreach, lots of community interest; went to Whittier because we don't have staff. Hopefully will do events in Lyndale/Tangletown; we will partner.

7:08 **Park Board Update**

Painter park has strat plan
Pickleball/basket/skate – Bids came in 30% high
Park Board notification that they're using park dedication fees for this project.
Park Board dude at May GenMem
We discussed crazy ideas for this money, but those discussions are moot.
Never ours to spend anyways.

7:22 **July 10 Annual meeting**

Create board member volunteer planning committee.

Events committee will take this on.
Voting mechanics same as last year

Perhaps a handout about what we need; events committee.

prelim running for reelection?
Caddy, no
Doug, yes, no pres
Holly, yes, no pres
Chaz, yes, no pres, will be secretary
Michael, yes, no pres
Emma, maybe

7:37 **Housing Subcommittee**

Short update on Casablanca site and last week's presentation

They bring a bunch of their own people; 25 people at each of two meetings
Housing meeting, special meeting at Painter

Will be back to Housing committee meeting

Pursuing aggressive funding model.

Senior housing, 1-3 BR, six stories, restaurant, no community space, educational events
No cost estimate yet

Nothing going on at Burger King

7:43 **Office update**

Kitchen, tenants, space, grant, basement plan.

Toured kitchen, delightful

Tenants: LWV are here

Grant: \$7K grant money, Energy efficiency \$\$ for lighting & AC

New locks

Basement getting cleaned up

7:47 Environment committee bizcards

Josef working to clean up backyard

plantings provided at cost, should be < \$500

8:00 **Adjourn**

Move to adjourn: Josef

Second: James

Vote: Unanimous